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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014 APPROVED MARCH 24, 2014

Select Board Chair Jim O'Brien called this regular meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2014, in the large meeting room in the Town Hall. Mr. O'Brien introduced the members of the Board. Gary Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Jim O'Brien, Chair, George Langwasser, Vice Chair, Sue B. Strickford, Sara Persechino and Ken Traum

Staff Present: Neal Cass, Town Administrator and Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Public Present: Gary Richardson, Linda Ogden and two members of Hopkinton High School Civics class

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Consent Agenda

Board members reviewed documents for signature and approved unanimously (5-0) the Consent Agenda taking the following action on motion made by Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Langwasser:

Item	Date	Action	Comments
Accounts Payable Manifest	03/10/2014	Approved	\$101,681.81
Accounts Payable Manifest	03/10/2014	Approved	\$ 87,795.72
Payroll Manifest	03/10/2014	Approved	\$ 59,424.75
Building Permit	03/10/2014	Approved	375 Farrington Corner
Building Permit	03/10/2014	Approved	96 Autumn Ridge
Building Permit	03/10/2014	Approved	205 Pine St
Building Permit	03/10/2014	Approved	490 Kearsarge Ave
Building Permit	03/10/2014	Approved	531 Farrington Corner
Building Permit	03/10/2014	Approved	67 Farrington Corner
Sign Permit	03/10/2014	Approved	Hopkinton High School
Veteran's Credit	03/10/2014	Approved	
Elderly Exemption	03/10/2014	Approved	
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Current Use Penalty	03/10/2014	Approved	Map 266 Lot 50

Current Use Penalty	03/10/2014	Approved	Map 240 Lot 4
PAF	03/10/2014	Approved	Recreation-step raise camp
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Authorization to Establish Petty Cash	03/10/2014	Approved	\$200.00-Recreation Dept \$100.00 Selectmen' s Office

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes of February 24, 2014. Mrs. Persechino made a motion; seconded by Mr. Langwasser to approve the minutes of February 24, 2014.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino and Traum voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. **MOTION APPROVED 5-0.**

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Gary Richardson, Town Moderator, was in to go over the items for Town Meeting on March 15, 2014. Mr. Cass stated there will be handouts for the Fire Station. The Board when over who will speak to which article. The Board also discussed the procedure to amend the Budget on the floor with regards to increasing the Highway budget. Chairman O'Brien will do the presentation for the Fire Station.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Langwasser acknowledged that the Board Members received a handwritten thank you note from a resident.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Highway Department Review-Mr. Cass noted that there have been no changes since the last meeting. He also noted the increase is not only for plowing purposes, but also for overtime wages. It was also noted that the Highway building is using more electricity than anticipated. A discussion ensued with regards to wood pellets and the availability of them.

Mr. Langwasser made a motion to approve the increase to the Highway Department budget in the amount of \$51,700.00. Mrs. Persechino seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino and Traum voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. **MOTION APPROVED 5-0.**

Mr. Cass suggested a letter be sent to the Budget Committee to inform the members of the Select Board's decision to amend the Highway Department budget. A discussion ensued with regards to the increase being voted down. Mr. Cass stated we would have to reduce the summer maintenance budget line. Further discussion ensued with regards to how to present the increase at Town Meeting.

Mr. Cass stated that two awards would be given out at Town meeting. Mr. O'Brien will present an award to Gary Richardson for 29 years of service as Town Moderator and Christine Hamm will present an award to Derek Owen for 30 years on the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Cass also reminded the Board that they are doing Senior Lunch on Wednesday, March 12, 2014. Lunch will be lasagna, salad, rolls, ice cream and chocolate sauce.

Flood Reimbursement Update: There has been a settlement on the past due amount. Any money coming in would go to the towns first and then to the state. The language of the bill is to be clear as to who will get the money first.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Appointment List 2014-The Board will be making reappointments and new appointments to committees after Town Meeting.

VI. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Primex Claim Update-Due to the wing of the plow getting caught on the side of the building, a claim was filed. The quote came back high and the adjuster will be coming out next week.

Mr. Cass also informed the Board that the auditors were in last week and everything went well.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION II-RSA 91-A: 3 IV (c) Reputation

Mr. Langwasser moved to go into a non-public session regarding an issue which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the Select Board itself, under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Mrs. Persechino seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino, Traum and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0).

The Board and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 6:40 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 7:02 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Mr. Langwasser moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session for a period of one year. Mrs. Persechino seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino, Traum and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Ms. Strickford, seconded by Mr. Langwasser to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant